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**BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO 188 MONTHS FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

Baltimore, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Allen F. Loucks announces that today U.S. District Court Judge Richard D. Bennett sentenced Lamont Scott, age 27, of Baltimore, Maryland to 188 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

According to the agreed statement of facts presented to the court as part of the plea agreement, on April 7, 2004 Baltimore City Police officers working at the intersection of Harlem and Denison Street, Baltimore, observed what appeared to be a hand-to-hand drug transaction between the defendant and two males. The officers exited the vehicle and identified themselves as police officers. Upon hearing the identification, the defendant reached into his waistband, pulled out a handgun and began to flee. The officers chased the defendant into a house on 631 Denison Street. While in the house, the officers saw the defendant throw the gun and bag in the pantry area as he was heading to the back door. The officers apprehended the defendant and recovered the discarded gun and bag which contained heroin.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kwame Manley.